

Student Involvement & Leadership

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Student Involvement & Leadership

The goal of the Student Involvement & Leadership (SIL) Department is to engage students in co-curricular and extracurricular experiences that enhance their collegiate experience. Meaningful involvement has been proven to strengthen students' commitment to education, the institution, and their community. Furthermore, students who are actively engaged receive higher grades, transfer less, gain skills that lead to better jobs, obtain increased networking opportunities, have more friends, and are substantially more satisfied with their college experience.

The SIL Department is committed to training and advising the Utah Tech University Student Association (UTSA) leaders, the UTSA Student Government Branches, the Applied Leadership Program, and the Spirit Squad (which includes Stampede, Cheer, Dance and the Mascot) on campus policy and procedure, and promoting involvement in an inclusive learning environment.

Utah Tech University Student Association (UTSA)

Every fee-paying student at Utah Tech University is a member of UTSA. The mission of the UTSA Student Government is to provide students with learning, service, and extracurricular opportunities; provide leadership training; promote school spirit; create unity and a unique Utah Tech culture; link Utah Tech traditions with new students; and offer a voice to the student body. The leadership branches of UTSA include the Executive Council, Academic Senate, Clubs & Organizations, Student Life, Marketing, and the Stampede.

Executive Council

The Executive Council includes the Student Body President, Vice President of Academics, Vice President of Clubs & Organizations, Vice President of Student Life, Vice President of Marketing, and Vice President of Service.

Academic Senate

The Vice President of Academics and the Student Senate assist students in achieving academic pursuits. The Senate funds academic pursuits such as research and conference presentations. The delegation consists of student representatives from the seven major academic colleges on campus. The Student Senate is a mouthpiece for students and advocates for the students' collective academic interests at Utah Tech University.

Clubs & Organizations

The Clubs & Organizations branch currently houses over 70 active clubs on campus. The Vice President of Clubs & Organizations and the respective club representatives collectively manage club funds, oversee club bylaws, distribute club merit monies, and support club growth. Clubs & Organizations serves many purposes including the cultural, intellectual, professional, recreational, service, and social needs of students. Joining a club is the easiest and most personal way to get involved, meet other students, and truly enjoy your time at college. If there is not a club that interests you, it is easy to start your own.

Student Life

The Student Life branch of UTSA oversees activities and campus life under the direction of the Vice President of Student Life and three Event Directors. Student Life aims to maintain Utah Tech traditions such as Homecoming, D Week, carnivals, etc., while continually adding new and improved activities like the Foam Dance, concerts, and comedians. This branch plans and organizes at least one UTSA event each week of Fall and Spring semesters.

Marketing

The mission of the Marketing branch is to empower the students at Utah Tech with information that enhances their university experience. They accomplish this through the mastery of unparalleled advertising, design, and storytelling. Under the direction of the Vice President of Marketing, the branch has three marketing managers, two graphic designers, two social media managers, photo/video manager, and an administrative assistant.

Service

The Service Branch of UTSA encourages lifelong learning and service by providing opportunities to serve on campus and within the community. The Vice President of Service and four Service Leaders make up the Service Council within the service branch, and together they seek opportunities that build upon core values of service, citizenship, diversity, ethics, and collaboration that create an enduring service oriented mentality. The Service Council plans and organizes a major monthly service project, two large-scale Campus to Community service projects, and four Alternative Breaks service opportunities that coincide with Fall and Spring Breaks. Every week of the semester the Service Council provides service with at least one of our 13 community partners.

Stampede

The Stampede branch of UTSA helps promote the ultimate fan experience for students at Utah Tech athletic events! We cheer on the student-athletes by being loud, proud, and rowdy! Join the Stampede and maximize your time as a student here at Utah Tech.

To find out more information on UTSA Student Government and student involvement, please visit our **website** (<https://utahtech.edu/thedixielife/>) (following this link will take you out of the University Catalog).

Welcome Message from the 2023-2024 UTSA President

What's up Trailblazer Nation! Welcome to Utah Tech! I am so excited to be your Student Body President for the school year 2023-2024. I'm Jose Toral-Martinez, and my topmost priority is to ensure that you have the best college experience through involvement and encourage you to make the most of the multitude of opportunities available here at Utah Tech. Let's make this year an unforgettable one!

During my time here at UT, I've had the opportunity to serve in several leadership positions. I started off my involvement experience through the Utah Tech Alumni Ambassadors as an Admin Assistant to community engagement and left the organization as the Vice President of Advancements. I later on joined the Utah Tech Student Association and served as the Admin Assistant to the vice president of Service, and this past year I was the Director of Entertainment for Student Life. Through my experience, I have discovered that students who are involved in extracurricular activities are more likely to create lasting memories and achieve success during their college journey. At Utah Tech, we are fortunate to have an abundance of opportunities for involvement. We have a place for YOU! If you need help finding your new home, I encourage you to reach out to me. I am here to assist you in connecting YOU with your home away from home, ensuring that you discover the perfect place for your interests and aspirations. Let's work together to make your college experience truly remarkable!

You can find me in the student government room located on the second floor of the Gardner Student Center. Feel free to drop by anytime, as I maintain an open-door policy and enjoy engaging with all students. We have a wide range of resources available that are tailored to meet your specific needs. If we don't have what you're seeking, let's collaborate to bring it to our campus. Our goal is to help you find your sense of belonging, and I aim to be a reliable resource for assisting you in discovering your rightful place at Utah Tech. Please stop by our student government room. I'd love to talk to you!

Jose Toral-Martinez